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Applicant <b>Jefferson M. Kommers</b>	
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In response to the Official Action mailed September 1, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of the this reply.